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SUSPECT IS ARRESTED IN FRANKS CASE BUT CLAIMS HE HAS A PERFECT ALIBI

Prisoner Is Known As George Johnson But His Right Name Is Adolph Papritz — Owns a Gray Auto.

Says He Knows Nothing of Boy's Murder and Was Motoring With Young Woman on Day of Crime.

Chicago, May 27.—Arrest of a man known as George Johnson—the name signed to the ransom letter received by Jacob Franks demanding \$10,000 for the return of his son, Robert, 13—driving a Gray automobile, was the latest development in the investigation today of the kidnapping and death of the boy.

The prisoner was driving the same make of automobile as one seen near the private school attended by young Franks at the time he started home from school. The prisoner lives in the Hyde Park district where the Franks family lives.

Prisoner Not Surprised

The prisoner known as Johnson, although his name is Adolph Papritz, said he was not surprised by his arrest.

"I expected it, everybody with a Gray car is being taken in," he said. He said he knew nothing about the Franks case, and that he was about to leave for Iowa. On the afternoon of the kidnapping, last Wednesday, he said he was motoring with a young woman.

New Clues Unearthed

A typewriter roller, a piece of paper and a small diagram scratched on a piece of paper were the only new clues unearthed after hours of search today by detectives investigating the slaying.

The typewriter part, found in a trash pile near the home of a man questioned in connection with the case may belong to the portable typewriter on which was written the ransom demand and instructions for its delivery and signed "George Johnson," according to a police theory. The articles were slightly burned, indicating an attempt to destroy them.

Dig For Boy's Clothes

The search for clues caused detectives to spend half the night in digging for the slain boy's clothes in the vicinity of the place where the body was found and at a spot where two women were seen cleaning a space alongside a darkened car on the night of the boy's disappearance. Little importance was attached by the police to a torn pillow slip and a scrawled note reading "I will get you yet, G. J.," which a party of motorists said they found in a middle near the swamp culvert.

An order was given for the police to begin excavating a sewer today in the vicinity of the home of Mottie Mitchell an instructor in the private school attended by the boy, who is held for questioning with Walter Wilson, another instructor. An application for a writ of habeas corpus for their release is set for hearing this afternoon.

Search for a Gray automobile, in which a school mate of the boy said he believed the Franks boy was spirited away, was redoubled, after an aged watchman near the scene of the finding of the boy told coroner's investigators of seeing such a car on two occasions at night and again on the night of the boy's disappearance.

Two men in the car visited the Culvert where the body was found, he said. Three automobiles answering the description of the car have been rounded up. Two are held and one was returned to its owner after he satisfied questioners.

Have Many "Tips"

Investigators who have been equipped with "tips" yesterday searched apartment buildings in an entire block after it was reported a man answering the hypothetical description of "Johnson" had tried to rent a room. His manner appeared to fit the type for which a pair of spectacles, found near the boy's body had been prescribed.

Rewards was information leading to the arrest and conviction of the slayers had been increased to \$15,000 today, by the addition of \$5,000 offered by the Chicago Tribune, augmenting the \$5000 offer of the Chicago Herald and Examiner and \$5,000 offered by Jacob Franks, father of the boy.

Two Men Who Assaulted 82 Year Old Woman to Hang

Macon, Ga., May 27.—Wade Johnson and James Benford, of Millersville were sentenced to be hanged on June 27 today for assaulting at 82 year old woman on the night of May 18. They were tried and found guilty at a special session of the court yesterday at Bray.

INJURIES PROVE FATAL

New Haven, May 27.—Julius Gans, of Shelton, 13, died at a hospital during last night from injuries received in an automobile smashup on the Derby turnpike Saturday. The lad with a concussion was on the road when he was picked up by William Sheehan. There was a blowout of a tire and Sheehan lost control of the machine which hit a pole. All three occupants were hurt. The police did not think Sheehan was criminally responsible and so he was not held.

METHODISTS LIFT AMUSEMENT BANS

Dancing, Games of Chance and Theaters on Approved List

CONSCIENCE AS A GUIDE

Hereafter Ministers Will Not Stand in Pulpit With Club, But With Shepherd's Crook, Dr. Elliott Says

Minority Report Opposed.

Springfield, May 27.—The Methodist ban upon amusements, except those "which cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus," was lifted by a five to one vote of the Methodist Episcopal general conference here today. A minority report forbidding theater attendance on Sundays and specifying dancing and immoral theater performances was tabled by 460 votes to 295.

There was no debate. Dr. George Elliott, of Detroit, presented the majority report of a standing committee on the state of the church and W. M. Short, of Fort Worth, Texas, spoke for the minority report. The adoption of the former removed restrictions against dancing, games of chance and all theater attendance, in force since the church's inception.

Are Going Forward.

"We are going forward," Dr. Elliott said. "Religion must appeal to the conscience, and it is the conscience of men that must be trusted. This new law goes back to Wesley and Paul and Jesus Christ, and goes forward to a time when law shall be no more because written in the hearts of men. Preachers will not stand in their pulpits now with a policeman's club but with the shepherd's crook in their hands. They will go along on a new program for the saving of souls."

"Sunday theaters are working a great hardship on the churches," Mr. Short said. "Dancing is one of the great causes of divorce. People will say that the Methodist church has retreated if the minority report is not adopted."

Elect Dr. Diefenderfer.

Rev. Ralph E. Diefenderfer, educational secretary of the committee on conservation and advance, was elected corresponding secretary of the board of foreign missions. He was associate secretary for home missions in the centenary movement and directed a survey of religious conditions in this country. He was graduated from Ohio Wesleyan university in 1902 and from Drew Theological seminary in 1907.

Rev. Dr. David D. Forsyth of Philadelphia was re-elected corresponding secretary of the board of home missions and church extension. He was the only nominee.

Commander Evangeline Booth, head of the Salvation Army, was welcomed by the conference today in the course of a visit to this city. She described the evangelical mission of the army.

ROBBED OF \$15,000

Cambridge Bank Messenger Held Up and Relieved of Bag of Money—Bandits Flee in Motor Car.

Cambridge, Mass., May 27.—Four men held up Herbert Hume, a messenger for the Guaranty Trust company of this city, today and robbed him of \$15,000.

Hume was on his way in a closed automobile to the National Shawmut bank in Boston. On the West Boston bridge a limousine containing the four men crowded his car against the curb and forced him to stop. Two of the men jumped out and one pointed a pistol at the messenger while the other opened the door of Hume's car and seized the bag containing the money. The two then reentered the limousine, which turned around and headed back toward Cambridge.

HAVE NARROW ESCAPE.

Ware, Mass., May 27.—Mr. and Mrs. George Hells of 1245 Commonwealth avenue, West Newton and Nathaniel L. Bowditch and William Wheeler also of Newton, trustees of the Massachusetts agricultural college narrowly escaped death this noon when the touring car in which they were riding to Amherst for a trustees' meeting was struck by the Boston and Maine freight train at the E street crossing. The machine was wrecked but the occupants escaped injury.

FOUR FIRES TAKE TOLL OF FOUR LIVES

Pyromaniac Suspected in Fatal Blazes in Harlem

SIX KILLED IN NEWARK

Four Persons are Burned to Death When Windstorm's Hotel is Guffed

Cigarette May Have Caused Can of Disinfectant to Explode.

New York, May 27.—Four persons, two children, a man and a woman, all negroes, were burned to death in four early morning fires in Harlem today. All the fires were believed to have been started by a pyromaniac.

Between 60 and 70 persons were carried or assisted to safety by police and firemen and two others a mother and her infant baby, received probable fatal injuries when the woman jumped from a second story window in fleeing the flames.

Fire All Near Together

All the fires were started in a radius of a few blocks and within a few minutes of each other. In two of the tenement houses, lodging 89 families, firemen found kerosene-soaked rags and a mattress under hallway staircases. Within an hour a score of deputy marshals assisted by the police started a city-wide search for the pyromaniac.

Thrilling Rescues

The firemen had difficulty in effect a number of rescues. In one tenement the flames burned so quickly and fiercely that tenants were unable to descend the fire escapes until firemen had hung a curtain of water between the ladders and the fire.

Three of the victims were a father and his two small daughters, burned to death on the fifth floor of a west 134th street tenement. The dead woman who lived in a house on the same street two blocks away was not identified.

Newark Hotel Burns

Newark, N. J., May 27.—At least 6 persons were burned to death in a fire in Mills hotel on Halsey street today, and it is feared the number may be considerably increased.

Three bodies were brought out while the flames were raging. Two more were found on the top floor. More than 100 roomers occupied the building last night, the number having been much larger than customary due to the presence of a circus in the city, and Fire Chief Moore said he feared at least 15 persons had been burned.

Many Persons Trapped

The hotel, a men's rooming house, is located in the center of the automobile tire district. The fire broke out suddenly in the third floor, trapping many of the inmates.

The fire spread quickly to the entire third and fourth floors and enveloped several auto tire shops on the street floor.

One man was rescued from a window by firemen. A policeman who was one of the first on the scene reported seeing three men come to a fire escape door only to be enveloped in flames.

The hotel is a four-story frame structure. Police have in their possession a tin can which is said to have figured in the cause of the blaze, it being reported that a man in the hotel going up stairs with a can of disinfectant and smoking a cigarette, threw the can the length of the stairs when the disinfectant ignited.

Firemen Have Hard Fight

An hour after the fire started firemen had it confined to the one building, which extends 100 feet on Halsey street and sixty on Williams street. During that hour the flames threatened numerous adjoining buildings. Dense smoke which apparently poured from burning bed clothing and mattresses filled the street on four sides of the block and seriously hindered firemen. Fires in one of the street floor shops added their aerial fumes to the dangers.

Will Go to Law Against GROVE-BROAD ST. BLOCK

Property Owners Object to Erection of Building—Say Petition Was Ignored.

A committee of fifth aged property owners called at the office of Mayor A. M. Paenassa today to enter protest against a reduction of the building line at the corner of Grove and Broad streets, and when informed that the line has already been established by the common council, the callers announced that they would institute civil action to restrain the erection of a business block on that corner.

For the past several months, the proposed change has been before various city commissions and was reported back to the common council last Wednesday night and adopted. Under the new ordinance, the building line at this point is five feet instead of ten feet.

The committee that visited the mayor this morning asserted that 41 of the 12 property owners in the immediate neighborhood are opposed and they claimed a petition of opposition given the town clerk was never brought before the council.

The mountain lions were not much interested.

Mary, the ape, smoked cigarettes through the whole two hour performance.

THE WEATHER

Hartford, May 27.—Forecast for New Britain and vicinity: Twisted, showery weather; tonight and Wednesday, little change in temperature.

35 KNOWN KILLED AND DEATH LIST GROWS IN TORNADO THAT SWEEPS ACROSS SEVERAL SOUTHERN STATES

STATE'S ATTORNEY FREES ISRAEL ON CHARGE OF MURDER

Cummings Declares Accused Had Perfect Alibi and in Name of Justice His Release Is Necessary.

Bridgeport, May 27.—

Declaring that "it is just as important for a state's attorney to use the great powers of his office to protect the innocent as it is to convict the guilty," State's Attorney Homer S. Cummings today analyzing what he says "upon its face at least, seemed a well high perfect case" concludes that Harold E. Israel did not murder Rev. Hubert F. Dahme on the evening of February 4, and with the approval of Judge L. P. Waldo Martin, a note was entered in the case in the superior court here today.

Israel was by this action automatically freed from a charge of first degree murder. He is serving a sentence of 90 days imposed in the city court of New York on the charge of carrying concealed weapons, which will expire June 5.

No Criticism of Police

Mr. Cummings' presentation of the case to Judge Martin covered the events from the moment Father Dahme was shot in the minutest detail. There is no criticism of the police department, coroner's office, or city court for holding Israel. The state's attorney in fact says that the investigations and actions prior to the time the case reached superior court were in every respect logical and proper.

Makes Experiment

In his discussion of the evidence, Mr. Cummings declares that the strongest point is that furnished by Miss Nellie Trafton a waitress in a restaurant near the scene of the shooting. Miss Trafton told police and the coroner that Israel passed the restaurant a few minutes before the shooting and waved at her as she stood in the doorway.

Mr. Cummings declares that he personally made the experiment of standing in the window and observing persons known to him pass by under conditions such as prevailed at the time Miss Trafton says she recognized Israel. He says that it was not possible to be certain of the identity. Moreover, Mr. Cummings says that investigation disclosed that it would not have been unusual for some other person to have waited at Miss Trafton's "even a stranger." Her testimony, standing by itself, Mr. Cummings says "is absolutely worthless."

As to the evidence of the ballistic experts, the state's attorney declares that they stated positively that the mortal bullet was not fired from Israel's revolver. If they had found to the contrary, the state's attorney declared it would have established Israel's guilt in spite of the weakness in other evidence.

Alibi Is Perfect

But the concluding point in the review is the fact that Israel established a perfect alibi. He stated that he was in the Empire theater at the time. He was asked, without having opportunity to anticipate the question or secure information as to the time he entered the theater, that he was shown during his stay there. His statements, subsequently were checked up by the theater manager and showed that they did not vary more than two minutes from the actual schedule of the theater on the evening of February 4.

Mr. Cummings' statement covers 22 typewritten pages.

CONVICT ATTACKS WOMEN

Condemned Murderer, After Being Baptized, Tries to Hold Them in His Cell As Hostages

Florence, Ariz., May 27.—William E. Ward, condemned murderer yesterday sought to hold two women in his death cell until granted his freedom, seriously stabbing one, and in turn was set upon and beaten dangerously by fifty convicts.

In response to his request Mrs. J. E. Wright and Miss Stella Martin just had baptized Ward when he attacked Mrs. Wright with an iron pipe and struck Miss Martin, throwing them both into his cell. Mrs. Wright was injured seriously.

Just before Ward was baptized he delivered his ultimatum to prison Superintendent Sims, threatening death to any who interfered.

Ward was sentenced to be hanged June 26 for slaying Ted Gresh, university of Arizona athlete.

NO EDITION FRIDAY

Friday, Decoration Day, the Herald will not publish. Decoration Day is one of the few holidays observed by this newspaper.

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Terrific Storm Spreads

Destruction Through

Mississippi, Alabama

And Louisiana—Fam-

ilies Wiped Out.

Homes Are Demolished and

Towns Razed—Two Year

Old Baby Blown Away

Near Ellamont, Ala.

Atlanta, Ga., May 27.—A series of tornadoes sweeping through Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana last night and early today took a known toll of 35 lives and injured upwards of 70 persons, according to advices reaching here today. Property damage was heavy.

In Mississippi the known dead totalled 17, with 50 persons injured. At Collins two persons are believed to have lost their lives and 12 were injured when most of the business district was wiped out. The storm also struck Johnson Station, Vicksburg, Greenville and Bay Springs, causing death and injury to several families.

Other communities reporting deaths include Swain plantation near Greenville, where three negroes were killed and a dozen others injured, and Waynesboro, where several negroes were killed.

In Alabama ten persons were reported dead and 15 injured at the Owens Mining community near Empire City. Three families were reported annihilated in the little mining community. Reports from Athens place the number of dead at seven in the Ellamont neighborhood.

In Louisiana one man struck by lightning is thought to be fatally injured.

New Orleans, May 27.—At least 17 dead and 50 injured was the toll of storm that swept through Mississippi last night.

Seven communities in southeastern Mississippi were in the storm's path. Reports received over crippled wires indicated the following casualties:

Johnson Station—Eight killed and 12 injured.

Collins—Two girls killed and twelve persons injured.

Bay Springs—Victor Cook and several members of family killed.

Swain Plantation, near Greenville—Three negroes killed and twelve injured.

Ellamont—Eight injured.

Waynesboro—Several negroes killed.

Sanderville—Several injured.

10 Killed at Empire, Ala.

Birmingham, Ala., May 27.—Ten persons were killed at Empire, Ala., in a storm early today, say reports received by newspapers here. The victims were white persons, members of three households whose homes were smashed by a twister which struck suddenly.

Fifteen persons were reported injured.

The dead: Billy Robinson and seven members of his family; Mrs. John Hays and a young woman named Abbott. Among the injured is John Hays.

Later reports said that the most serious damage was done in the Owen community, a mining camp three miles from Empire.

Sweep Across Mississippi

Jackson, Miss., May 27.—Eleven persons were killed, 24 injured and heavy damage caused by a series of storms which swept sections of southern Mississippi late yesterday and last night.

Reports from Brook Haven early today said that eight persons living in the little town of Johnson 12 miles from there, were killed and twelve injured, at least one probably fatally, when a tornado virtually wiped out the town.

An unconfirmed report was that the storm had caused heavy property damage at Summit, near Brookhaven, but did not say whether there had been loss of life. All wires to the two stricken towns were down and details were lacking.

Three negroes were killed and twelve other persons injured in the first tornado reported today. The victims were white persons. The plantation of W. B. Swain, fifteen miles east of Greenville, one of the largest individually owned in the Delta section.

Ravages of Storm

Gadsden, Ala., May 27.—Eight persons were injured, a number seriously today in a storm that struck the White Springs community, seven miles from here.

Laurel, Miss., May 27.—Victor Cook and several members of his family were killed when their home east of Bay Springs was demolished during a

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